

Lincoln County, TN

Solid Waste Needs Assessment

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SECTION 1: Provide a table and chart of the region’s population during the past ten (10) years with a projection for the next five (5) years. Provide a breakdown by sub- table and sub-chart, or some similar method to detail county and municipality populations. Considering the trends, discuss the affect on the solid waste infrastructure needs over the next five (5) years.

Lincoln County, Demographics, Statistics, and General Information

Lincoln County is located in the south central section of Tennessee. As of 2000, the population was 31,340. Its county seat is Fayetteville. It is named for Major General Benjamin Lincoln, an officer in the American Revolutionary War. Lincoln County is located in southern Middle Tennessee, with most of the county in the Central Basin and the remainder on the Highland Rim. The Elk River runs through the county from the northeast to the southwest, dividing the county into two nearly equal parts.

TABLE 1.1 Lincoln County Historic and Projected Population Trends (2001 thru 2016)

Year	Unincorporated	Fayetteville	Lincoln Co
2001	24571	6994	31565
2002	24588	7029	31617
2003	24683	7064	31747
2004	24666	7099	31765
2005	24983	7135	32118
2006	25201	7171	32372
2007	25459	7206	32665
2008	25874	7242	33116
2009	26159	7215	33374
2010	26357	7251	33608
2011	26556	7287	33843
2012	26756	7324	34080
2013	26958	7360	34318
2014	27161	7397	34559
2015	27366	7434	34800
2016	27573	7471	35044

Sources: Historic data are from the U.S. Census Bureau. Projections are based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau Fact Finder.

Lincoln County’s population has been stable over the past ten years with an average increase by year of .07%. Population trends are projected to be steady over the next five years with little fluctuation in employment levels.

Economic Impact of Industry:

Lincoln County is blessed with several stable manufacturing facilities. The largest employer is Goodman which manufactures air conditioners and furnaces. Goodman employs ~1750 people. Frito-Lay is the second largest manufacturer in Lincoln County with 550 people. Fushi Copperweld employs ~150 people with plans to expand production resulting in an increase of their employment level by ~50-75 positions.

Lincoln County's close proximity to Huntsville, Alabama allows residents to live in rural Tennessee and to commute to Huntsville which is a technology based area with NASA and the Redstone Arsenal as major employers in the region for Lincoln Countians to find employment.

Fayetteville/Lincoln County has a strong manufacturing base and is supplemented by farming. Large farms and crops are scattered about the county. Its rich and varied soils are suitable for a variety of crops, including corn, cotton, hay, tobacco, and Irish and sweet potatoes.

Trends and Infrastructure Needs:

The municipal solid waste generated in Lincoln County is projected to remain stable through the next five years. Population trends have not sharply increased or decreased in Lincoln County resulting in predictable solid waste stream tonnage.

The Keep Fayetteville Lincoln County Beautiful (KFLCB) organization is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 group receiving funds from the City, County, and an education grant from the TN Dept. of Transportation/Litter Grant fund and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

KFLCB's mission is to encourage residents to take responsibility for their environment by preventing litter, recycling and beautifying their neighborhoods. KFLCB operates a recycling center from a 17000 square foot facility located in downtown Fayetteville. The building has adequate space for recycling needs for the foreseeable future. The building is dated and is in average to below average condition. Upgrades to the roof system, ventilation, electrical system, and plumbing system are needed.

SECTION 2:

Provide a table and chart showing the region's economic profile for the county and its municipalities for the last ten (10) years with a projection for the next five (5) years. This can be accomplished by using the following economic indicators: Taxable sales, property tax generation, and per capita income, Evaluation by break down of each economic sector, County or municipal budgeting information, and other commonly accepted economic indicators.

Year	Workforce Data				Per Capita Income	Goods Produced			Service					Property Tax	Retail Sales
	Total	Employed	Unemployed	% Unemp		Total	Manufacturing	Other	Total	Trade	Health	Govt	Other		
2001	15638	14942	696	4.5%	\$ 25,311	7037	2635	4422	3923	446	2015	2003	1461	\$ 5,634,613	\$ 368,762,319
2002	15821	15093	728	4.6%	\$ 25,828	7459	2946	4513	3985	450	2036	2024	1473	\$ 6,024,547	\$ 368,758,631
2003	15946	15098	848	5.3%	\$ 26,355	7554	2949	4605	6045	455	2056	2044	1490	\$ 6,235,516	\$ 368,754,944
2004	16129	15279	850	5.3%	\$ 26,893	7651	2952	4699	6106	459	2077	2065	1505	\$ 7,011,946	\$ 368,751,256
2005	16254	15480	774	4.8%	\$ 27,441	7750	2955	4794	6168	464	2098	2085	1521	\$ 7,283,308	\$ 368,747,569
2006	16437	15747	690	4.2%	\$ 28,001	7850	2958	4892	6230	469	2119	2107	1536	\$ 7,475,886	\$ 367,644,635
2007	16562	15944	618	3.7%	\$ 28,573	8239	3246	4992	6293	473	2141	2128	1551	\$ 7,639,168	\$ 366,545,000
2008	16745	15906	839	5.0%	\$ 29,156	8344	3250	5094	6357	478	2162	2149	1567	\$ 7,896,883	\$ 348,217,750
2009	16870	15638	1232	7.3%	\$ 29,448	8451	3253	5198	6421	483	2184	2171	1583	\$ 8,084,772	\$ 336,410,000
2010	16891	15692	1199	7.1%	\$ 29,742	8578	3302	5276	6433	485	2195	2182	1591	\$ 8,168,608	\$ 338,092,050
2011	16912	15745	1167	6.9%	\$ 29,742	8706	3351	5355	6485	488	2206	2193	1599	\$ 8,372,823	\$ 339,782,510
2012	16933	15798	1135	6.7%	\$ 29,891	8837	3402	5435	6518	490	2217	2204	1607	\$ 8,582,144	\$ 341,481,423
2013	16954	15937	1017	6.0%	\$ 30,040	8970	3453	5517	6550	493	2228	2215	1615	\$ 8,796,697	\$ 343,188,830
2014	16975	16041	934	5.5%	\$ 30,190	9104	3504	5600	6583	495	2239	2226	1623	\$ 9,016,615	\$ 344,904,774
2015	16996	16146	850	5.0%	\$ 30,341	9241	3557	5684	6616	498	2250	2237	1631	\$ 9,242,030	\$ 346,629,298

Sources: Workforce Data, TN Dept of Labor & Workforce Development; Per Capita Income, US Bureau of Economic Analysis; Retail Data, TN Dept of Revenue; Property Tax information from Lincoln County Budget Office, US Census Bureau of Labor Statistics

SECTION 3:

Elaborate on the region's solid waste stream. Compare the current waste stream with trend anticipated over the next five (5) years, and discuss how this new total will be handled. Include in this discussion how problem wastes like waste tires, used oil, latex paint, electronics and other problem wastes are currently handled and are projected to be handled in the next five (5) years. What other waste types generated in this region require special attention? Discuss disposal options and management of these waste streams as well as how these waste streams will be handled in the future. Include in this discussion how commercial and industrial wastes are managed. Also, provide an analysis of any wastes entering or leaving the region, noting the source and amounts of such wastes.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Stream

The estimated percentages of the total material placed into the waste stream are:

- Residential: 50%
- Commercial: 25%
- Institutional: 5%
- Industrial: 20%

Lincoln County and KFLCB continue to provide a high level recycling program and are continually investigating resources to expand collection and diversion activities. Inter Local Solid Waste Authority (ISWA) remains proactive in the implementation to the solid waste plans for Lincoln County. The region continues to strive to meet diversion / waste reduction goals set forth by the State of Tennessee. Allied Waste operates the Lincoln County Solid Waste Transfer Station. Municipal solid waste is hauled to the Murfreesboro TN landfill.

Site Name(s)	Annual Tons Disposed by Lincoln County Region, 2010	Current Landfill Capacity (daily throughput)	Maximum Capacity	Projected Life of Facility
Allied Waste / Lincoln County 37 Burklin Street Fayetteville, TN 37334	25268.0	~100 tons	N/A	10 to 15 years

Recycling Tonnage by Name, Sector, Source, 2010

Material Name	Residential All Programs	Commercial All Programs	Industrial All Programs	Other All Programs	Total
Corrugated	114.0	659.0	10.0	1626.0	2409.0
Misc. Paper	167.0	5.0		53.0	225.0
Electronics					0.0
Lead-Acid Batteries		39.0			39.0
Mixed #1 and #2 plastic	30.0	2.0		10.0	42.0
Other mixed plastic		11.0			11.0
Mixed Metals	18.0	191.0	2.0	50.0	261.0
Oil Filters					0.0
Tires				98.0	98.0
Antifreeze					0.0
Glass			5.0		5.0
Used Oil		1.0			1.0
Other recyclables			1.0	6928.0	6929.0
Totals	329.0	908.0	18.0	8765.0	10020.0

Solid Waste Program	Existing Regional Solid Waste Programs	Future Regional Solid Waste Programs	Tennessee Mandated Plan
Residential Solid Waste Collection	Lincoln County provides two (2) Convenient Centers to residents.	Maximize the efficiency of collection of waste from each collection site and maintain existing equipment. Additional convenience centers are needed in the east/northeast and west/northwest sections of Lincoln County.	County to provide CC Sites for residents according to population or service area, maintain required design and operational standards.
Recycling	Paper, plastic, metals, batteries, electronics, paint	Increase business and school recyclables collection. Centralized recycle center allows public and private access.	County to provide two convenience centers.
Waste Reduction	In 2009 the diversion rate for Lincoln County, TN was 18%.	The Lincoln County Solid Waste Department is committed to develop a new plan that will enable them to meet the 25% reduction rate.	Achieving 25% waste reduction goal each year.
Problem Waste Management	Waste tire disposal continues to be problematic for Lincoln County.	Disposal / revenue generation from waste tires will be studied by ISWA and the Lincoln County SW Department.	County has restrictions related to disposal of tires, paint cans, refrigerators, freezer, fluids, and batteries. County to provide HHW collection events, when state scheduling is provided.
Public Education & Information	Keep Fayetteville Lincoln County Beautiful and Interlocal Solid Waste Authority administer several programs for recycling and SW diversion education. Programs are designed for the general population from school age children to adults.	Expansion of recycling is a must to create a culture of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.	Region to develop and implement solid waste management action plan for adults and children.
Disposal	The Lincoln County SW Department transports waste via Allied Waste to the Middlepoint Landfill in Murfreesboro, TN.	Lincoln County will continue to partner with Allied Waste to transport municipal solid waste to Class I Landfill Middlepoint Landfill in Rutherford County, TN.	Region to assure 10-year disposal capacity.
Planning	Lincoln County continues to partner with Allied Waste, Interlocal Solid Waste Authority, and Keep Fayetteville Lincoln County Beautiful with planning, forecasting, and reaction plans.	Lincoln County continues to utilize South Central Tennessee Development District as a resource for Annual Progress Reports and updates to the state of Tennessee.	Region to provide Annual Progress Reports, 5-Year Plan Updates, other reporting requirements as needed.

SECTION 4:

Provide a detailed description of the waste collection system in the county and each municipality, including a narrative of the life cycle of solid waste from the moment it becomes waste (loses value) until it ceases to be a waste by becoming a useful product, residual landfill material or an emission to air or water. Label all major steps in this cycle noting all locations where wastes are collected, stored or processed, along with the name of operators and transporters for these sites.

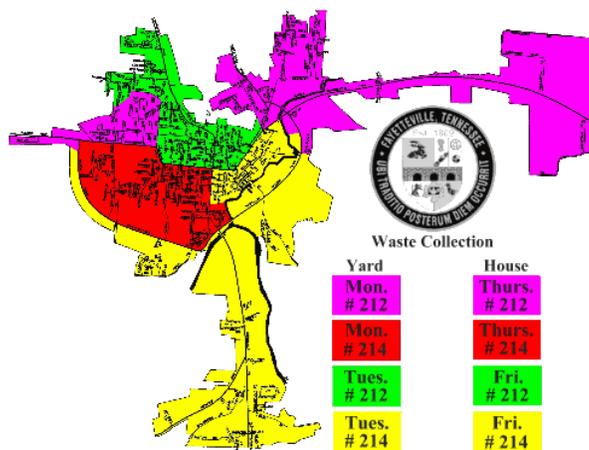
Municipal solid waste is collected in Lincoln County in a variety of ways:

- 1) Collected at convenience centers
- 2) Curbside pickup in Fayetteville
- 3) Private haulers in rural Lincoln County
- 4) Delivered to the Recycle Center in Fayetteville operated by KFLCB.

There are only two convenience centers (Burklin Drive in Fayetteville) and (17 Henry Thompson Rd, Taft, TN 38488) in Lincoln County for rural residents to dispose of their solid waste. The solid wastes collected at the two convenience centers are transported to the Lincoln County Transfer Station located on Burklin Drive in Fayetteville. The transfer station is operated by Allied Waste. Allied Waste transports the solid waste to Middlepoint Landfill in Rutherford County, TN. Some recyclables are collected at the convenience centers, however citizens are encouraged to transport recyclables to the KFLCB Recycle Center in Fayetteville.

The City of Fayetteville offers curbside collection of garbage, yard waste, and leaves. Scheduled routes offer collection of garbage and yard waste on a weekly basis. However, collection of construction debris is not offered through regular residential services. The solid waste collected at the curbside is transported to the transfer station on Burklin Drive for disposal at Middlepoint. Leaf collection is done seasonally with service times based upon demand.

Garbage containers must not exceed 32 gallons in size and have two handles, unless they are like the one pictured below. These containers are made available to residents at the manufacturer's cost to the city. They may exceed the size limitation because there is a connection that allows sanitation trucks to automatically lift the container. These containers are very durable, hold 90 gallons, and are available for \$80. They may be purchased at the Municipal Building.



Private haulers in rural Lincoln County such as Richardson Waste Removal of Fayetteville, TN offers weekly trash services to residential, commercial, and industrial clients. Richardson has been providing service since 1963 in Lincoln County. Richardson Waste Removal can provide residential garbage removals, roll-off containers for construction sites, general clean ups, and recycling of construction materials.



Richardson Waste Removal:

- Weekly trash service
- Residential garbage removal in Lincoln, Franklin, Giles
- Roll-off containers for construction, demo debris, commercial, industrial, and general clean up
- Roll-off containers available in Coffee Bedford, Marshall, Moore counties in Tennessee
- Recycling of construction materials
- New customers receive a 96 gallon trash can when you sign up for Easy Bill Pay

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KFLCB's Mission Statement is to encourage residents to take responsibility for their environment by preventing litter, recycling and beautifying their neighborhoods. KFLCB operates from a 17000 square foot building at 705 South Main Street in Fayetteville. The recycle center is operated by a coordinator, Gail Randolph, and two part time employees.



KFLCB Office



Recycle totes (sorted)

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

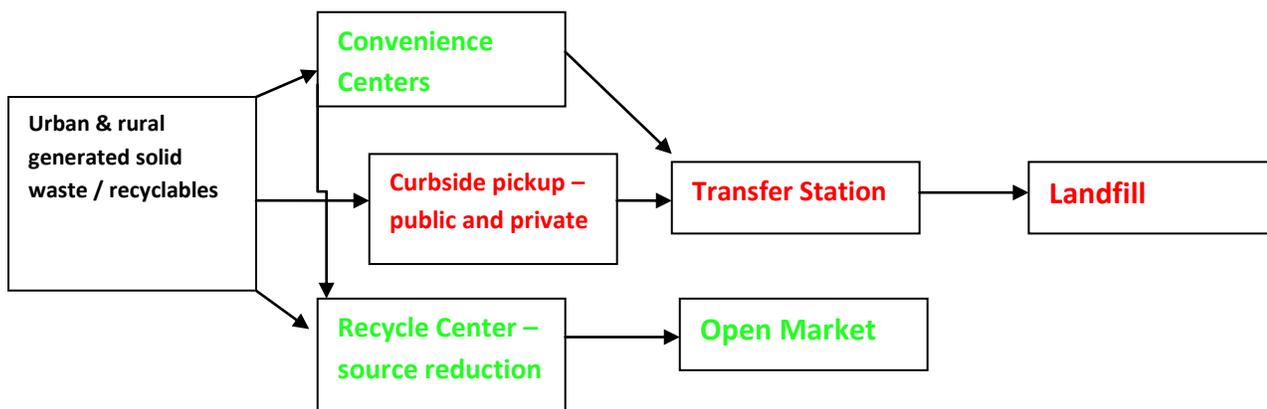
- Newspaper, white paper, junk mail
- Magazines
- Hard and soft cover books
- Plastics 1 & 2 (Look for the triangle with the 1 or 2 inside on the items)
- Aluminum Cans
- Metal food cans
- (Please rinse the above three items before recycling)
- Plastic shopping bags
- Cardboard
- Electronic items - computers, monitors, etc.
- Paint and latex, if it is less than 1/4 gal, can be air dried and sent to the landfill since it is not hazardous.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Cleaners, strippers, varnish, etc.
- Household trash
- Clothing
- Glass
- Styrofoam
- Furniture and appliances

Potential waste generation can be reduced at the source through measures, such as educating citizens about the three R's (reduce, reuse, recycle). Education has been identified as the number one (#1) factor in increasing diversion rates in communities around the world. Along with reduction measures from citizens, the commercial and manufacturing sector can also reduce residual waste by modifying internal operations to efficiently manage the waste.

Waste Stream – Lincoln County (red = no value, green = reusable)



Convenience Centers & Recycle Center

Taft

17 Henry Thompson Road

Taft, TN 38488

931-425-0038

Hours of Operation

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Materials Collected

Plastic, Metals, Other, Paper, Glass

Burklin Street

37 Burklin Street

Fayetteville

37334

931-433-2724

Hours of Operation

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Materials Collected

Plastic, Metals, Other, Paper, Glass

Convenience Center Operators

Fayetteville - Burklin Street

Ralph Luttrell

Melvin Stewart

L.W. Jones

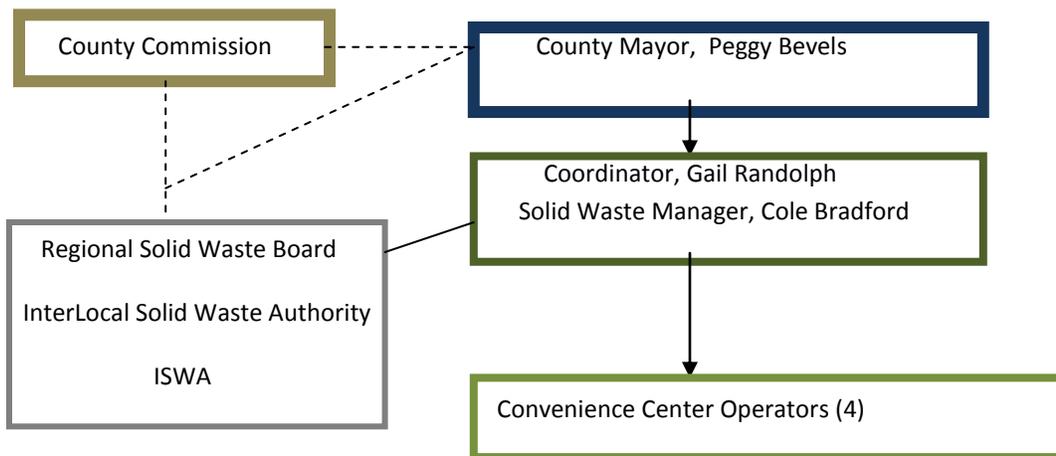
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Dalton Mullins

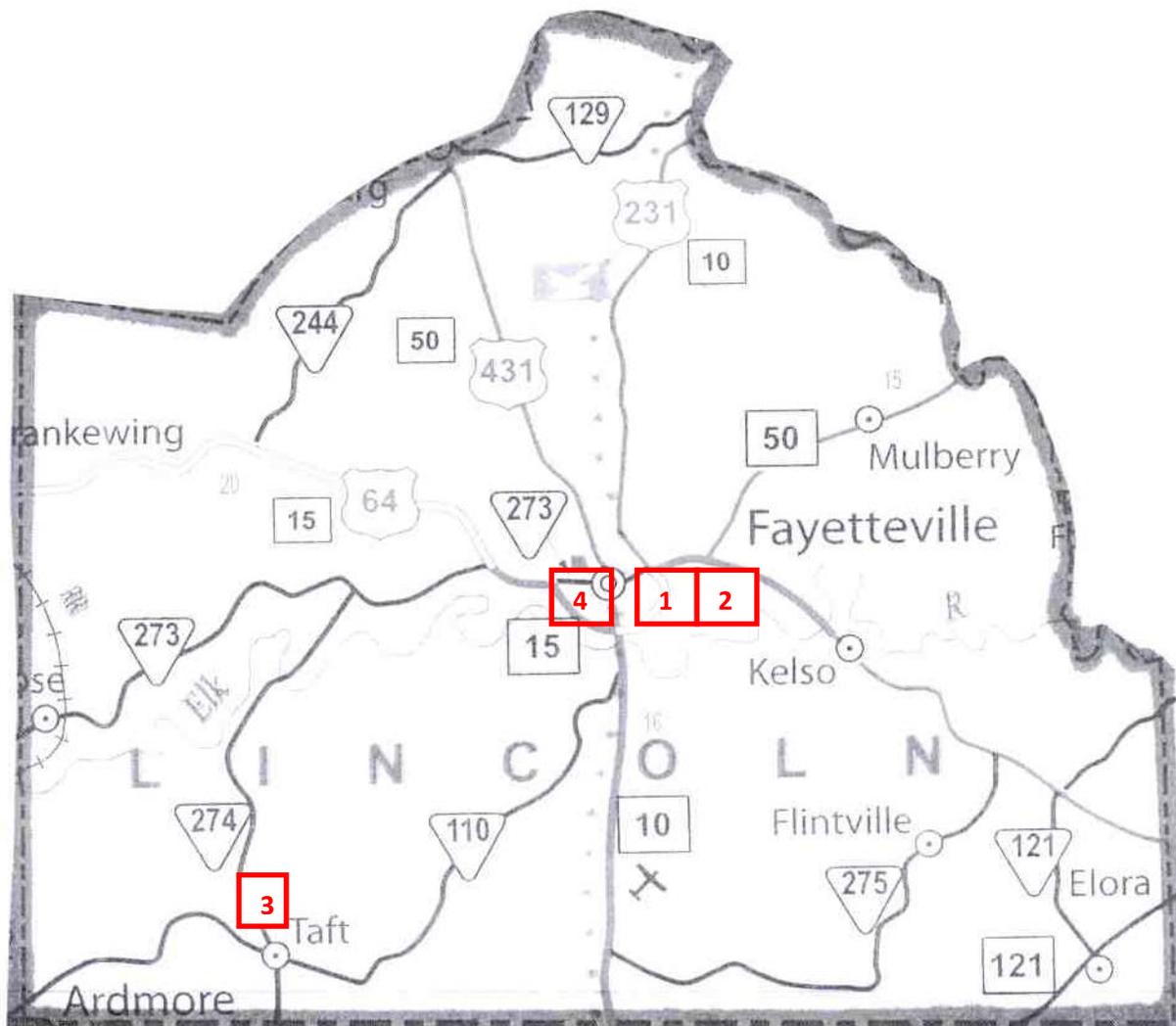
SECTION 5:

Provide organizational charts of each county and municipality's solid waste program and staff arrangement. Identify needed positions, facilities, and equipment that a fully integrated solid waste system would have to provide at a full level of service. Provide a scale county level map indicating location of all facilities including convenience centers, transfer stations, recycling centers, waste tire drop-off sites, used oil collection sites, paint recycling centers, all landfills, etc. Identify any short comings in service and note what might be needed to fill this need.

Regional Solid Waste Organizational Structure



Municipal Solid Waste Facilities in Lincoln County, TN



- 1) Transfer Station, Burklin Street, Fayetteville, TN
- 2) Convenience Center, 37 Burklin Street, Fayetteville, TN
- 3) Convenience Center, 17 Henry Thompson Road, Taft, TN
- 4) Keep Fayetteville Lincoln County Beautiful, 705 South Main Street, Fayetteville, TN

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Department is currently fully staffed and at this time does not anticipate to add any additional positions. Any adjustments to the operations of the county collection sites will be assessed by the County Mayor, County Commission and the Solid Waste Board to discuss any variables that affect the waste collection.

The county would like to find funding to open two new convenience centers in the county, which would require additional staff and equipment. The location of the new convenience centers would be located in Flintville and in northern Lincoln County at an undetermined location.

KFLCB Recycle Center operates out of a 17,000 sf warehouse that once housed a welding shop. The building has an antiquated electrical system that has obsolete equipment still installed. A modern electrical system is desired for cost purposes and for safety. The roof leaks and the building is not equipped with exhaust fans to ventilate the building. Equipment needed at the facility is a new forklift with a rotator attachment, new containers for public drop off locations, a security fence around the perimeter, relocates the drop area to the rear of the building away from a busy street, and a vehicle to collect recyclables throughout the county.



Fayetteville / Lincoln County Convenience Center

SECTION 6:

Describe current attitudes of the region and its citizens towards recycling, waste diversion, and waste disposal in general. Where recycling is provided, discuss participation within the region. Indicate current and ongoing education measures to curb apathy or negative attitude towards waste reduction. Are additional measures needed to change citizen's behaviors? If so, what specific behaviors need to be targeted and by what means?

Lincoln County in general has a strong recycle program. Attitudes in Lincoln County are generally accepting to the challenge of reducing, reusing, and recycling. KFLCB is proactive in the community and the school system to educate and to promote good recycling habits.

Recycling in Fayetteville is somewhat limited in that curbside recycling is not available. Breaking the old culture of tossing recyclables in the trash pickup can is still a major obstacle to overcome. The idea of making recycling easy is the only way to get significant participation from the population as a whole.

Classroom training and special events are excellent venues to create the culture change. KFLCB participates in these types of activities to promote the 3R's. Drop off centers at high traffic areas are needed in Fayetteville and Lincoln County, however without funding this situation will continue to thwart KFLCB's efforts to become more mobile in recycling collection.

SECTION 7:

The Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 requires all regions to reduce the amount of waste going into Class I landfills by 25%. Amendments to the Act allow for consideration of economic growth, and a "qualitative" method in which the reduction rate is compared on a yearly basis with the amount of Class I disposal. Provide a table showing the reduction rate by each of these goal calculation methodologies. Discuss how the region made the goal by each methodology, or why it did not. If the Region did not meet the 25% waste reduction goal, what steps or infrastructure improvements should be taken to attain the goal, and to sustain this goal into the future.

TABLE 7.1 Measurement of Regional Waste Reduction Goal

County	Waste Reduction Goal Calculation Method			
	Compared to Base Year Interlocal	Population Ratio	Economic-Population Ratio	Qualitative- Real Time
Lincoln	13%	1.16	1.07	29%

Lincoln County met the 25% mandated reduction in solid waste in 2010. Lincoln County's recycle program is a key factor in the waste diversion stream. Industry reports to KFLCB their recycle numbers which greatly reduces the tonnage to landfills.

SECTION 8:

TABLE 8.1:

Site Name(s)	Annual Tons Disposed by Lincoln County Region, 2010	Current Landfill Capacity (daily throughput)	Maximum Capacity	Projected Life of Facility
Lincoln County Solid Waste Department Allied Waste 37 Burklin Street Fayetteville, TN 37033	25268.0	~ 125-150 tons	n/a	15 to 20 years

TABLE 8.2

Provider of Service	Service Area	Available Service for 2010 Population Total	Frequency of Service (Weekly, Bi-weekly, on call, etc.)	Estimated Annual Tons Collected	Type Service (Curbside, Convenience Center, Green Box) or Door to Door
Taft Convenience Center 17 Henry Thompson Road Taft, TN	West Lincoln County	~5000	Drop off	~4000 NT	Convenience Center
Fayetteville Convenience Center 37 Burklin Street Fayetteville, TN	Fayetteville and East Lincoln County	~25000	Drop off	~6000 NT	Convenience Center
KFLCB 705 South Main Street Fayetteville, TN	Lincoln County	~33000	Drop off	~350 NT	Recycle Center
Allied Waste / Lincoln County Transfer Station Burklin Street Fayetteville, TN	Lincoln County	~33000	Daily	~25500 NT	Transfer Station

Lincoln County is somewhat limited in their collection system by only having two convenience centers located throughout the county. Lincoln County SW has plans to build a convenience center in the Flintville community to service the southeast sector of the county. Lincoln County also needs a convenience center in the northern sector to allow residents a shorter drive time to dispose of their solid waste. Culture change is slow to come by as some rural resident's still burn trash on private farms or use as backfill on private acreage. This is by no means suitable disposal, but still a reality as an obstacle to procure accurate tonnage generated by Lincoln Countians.



Allied Waste manages the Lincoln County Solid Waste Transfer Station



Transfer station during normal working hours

SECTION 9:

Complete the following chart and discuss unmet financial needs to maintain current level of service. Provide a cost summary for current year expenditures and projected increased costs for unmet needs.

TABLE 9:1

Expenditures			
Description	Present Need \$/year	Unmet Needs \$/year	Total Needs (Present + Unmet) \$/year
Salary and Benefits	\$20000	\$20000	\$40000
Transportation/hauling			
Collection and Disposal Systems			
Equipment			
Sites			
Convenience Center	\$285696	\$120000	\$405696
Transfer Station	\$565634	\$0	\$565634
Recycling Center			
MRF			
Landfills			
Site			
Operation			
Closure			
Post Closure Care	\$50000	\$0	\$50000
Administration (supplies, communication costs, etc.)			
Education			
Public			
Continuing Ed.			
Capital Projects			
REVENUE			
Host agreement fee			
Tipping fees			
Property taxes			
Sales tax			
Surcharges			
Disposal Fees			
Collection charges			
Industrial or Commercial charges	\$23000		
Residential charges	\$690000		
Convenience Centers charges			
Transfer Station charges			
Sale of recyclables	\$0	\$40000	\$40000
Other sources: grant	\$28100		

SECTION 10:

Identify all current revenue sources by county and municipality that are used for materials and solid waste management. Project future revenue needs from these categories and discuss how this need will be met in the future. Use Chart 9 as an example to present data.

Waste Collection Charges:	\$690000.00
Commercial & Industrial Collection	\$ 23000.00
Grant:	\$ 25100.00
Other:	\$ 3000.00
Fees:	
Lincoln County	\$6.00 per household assessed on utility bill
Fayetteville	\$10.00 per household assessed on utility bill

Lincoln County residents are charged \$6.00 per month per household on the utility bills to assist funding of solid waste disposal. The city of Fayetteville has a \$10.00 per month per household fee assessed on the utility bill to assist in solid waste disposal. To reduce costs the city of Fayetteville has now passed an ordinance that requires commercial establishments to dispose of their trash in carts. In other words, no dumpsters will be serviced by the city. If commercial establishments elect to continue with dumpsters they will be required to hire private haulers for emptying dumpsters. Projections by Cold Bradford the Lincoln County Solid Waste Director indicates that additional funding from grants, sanitation fees, and taxes will have to increase to provide additional services over the next five years.

SECTION 11:

Discuss this region's plan for managing its solid waste system during the next five (5) years. Identify any deficiencies and suggest recommendations to eliminate deficiencies and provide sustainability of the system for the next five (5) years. Show how the region's plan supports the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan.

The South Central Tennessee Development District believes that with a continued commitment to recycling education that an increase in diversion will be realized in Lincoln County. As the recycling program currently in effect continues to grow resulting diversion is inevitable. Lincoln County is more than capable of achieving the mandated 25% diversion rate, while meeting all rules and regulation for solid waste management.

Capturing true solid waste tonnage in Lincoln County is going to become more difficult with the city of Fayetteville's decision to no longer collect solid waste from commercial dumpsters. As private haulers begin to infiltrate and collect solid waste in Lincoln County, government control over the solid waste stream is going to be problematic.